

WHERE HAVE I HEARD THAT BEFORE?

“Money Is the Root of All Evil”

*But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. **For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil.** Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.*

1 Timothy 6:6-10 (NIV)

*“No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. **You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money.**”*

Matthew 6:24 (NLT)

THE PROBLEM: WE ARE OBSESSED WITH WANTING MORE STUFF

*Those who **love money never have enough**; those who love wealth are never satisfied with their income. This too is meaningless. **Ecclesiastes 5:10 (NIV)***

• MORE WON'T BRING YOU SATISFACTION

• THE SOLUTION? SURRENDER!

1. SURRENDER THE WALLET IDOL

2. SURRENDER TO CONTENTMENT

*I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the **secret of being content** in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this **through him** who gives me strength. **Philippians 4:12-13 (NIV)***

3. SURRENDER YOUR WORRY FOR TOMORROW

*Then, turning to his disciples, Jesus said, “**That is why I tell you not to worry** about everyday life—whether you have enough food to eat or enough clothes to wear. For life is more than food, and your body more than clothing. Look at the ravens. They don’t plant or harvest or store food in barns, for God feeds them. And you are far more valuable to him than any birds! Can all your worries add a single moment to your life? And if worry can’t accomplish a little thing like that, what’s the use of worrying over bigger things?...*

*...These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers all over the world, but your Father already knows your needs. **Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and he will give you everything you need.** Luke 12:22-26; 30-31 (NLT)*

*And my God will meet **all your needs** according to his **glorious riches in Christ Jesus.** Philippians 4:19 (NIV)*